Flynt Shooting Investigation

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — A prosecutor said yesterday he believes "there are several persons involved" in the shooting of Hustler magazine owner Larry Flynt — and that they may be linked to Flynt's own Ohio-based publishing empire or to organized crime.

He said the possible motives involve "internal business problems within his company, business problems across the country and the role of organized crime in pornography."

District Attorney Bryant Huff of Gwinnett County, Ga., where Flynt was gunned down and left paralyzed March 6 during a recess in his obscenity trial, said none of those believed to be involved are local people. "We believe there was more than one trigger man," Huff said.

Huff said investigators have narrowed the investigation to "four avenues" and that "specific individuals . . . perhaps in Ohio" are under investigation.

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